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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. GENERAL DEBATE OF WORLD CONFERENCE CONTINUED MORNING
OF AUGUST 17 WITH INTERVENTIONS BY THE GDR, FRANCE,
ALBANIA, CANADA, ITALY, YUGOSLAVIA, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN
AND THE UKRAINE SSR.

2. THE GDR DEL NOTING FIRST THAT IN HIS COUNTRY ANY
TRACE OF RACISM HAS BEEN ROUTED OUT, LAUNCHED AN ATTACK
ON IMPERIALISTS WHO HAVE SUBJUGATED AFRICAN PEOPLE FOR
CENTURIES. IMPERIALISTS NOW SEEK TO RECOLONIZE AFRICA
UNDER A CAMOUFLAGE OF LIES AND SLANDER AGAINST THE
SOCIALIST STATES. SPEAKER ALSO ATTACKED ISRAEL REGARDING
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND TRANS-
NATIONALS FOR EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LABOR.

3. FRENCH DEL SAID MAIN GOAL OF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE TO
FIND WAYS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION EVERYWHERE AND TO
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ENCOURAGE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. NOTING
THAT NO COUNTRY CAN TOTALLY AVOID RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
IF IT IS TO PROTECT ITS OWN CITIZENS DEL RECOMMENDED
LEGISLATION, EDUCATION AND MASS MEDIA TO COMBAT PREJUDICE.

4. ALBANIA DEL ACCUSED AMERICANS, SOCIALISTS AND OTHER
IMPERIALISTS OF BEING EXPANSIONIST AND OF SEEKING POWER

IN AFRICA BY SUPPORTING REACTIONARY REGIMES. DEL
GENEROUSLY GRANTED THE U.S. FIRST PLACE AMONG THE
IMPERIALIST AND IN PASSING HE NOTED THAT THE U.S.
DOMESTICALLY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST INDIANS AND BLACKS.
ALBANIAN CHARGED THAT SOVIETS WHO GIVE LIP SERVICE TO
ZIMBABWE AND LIBERATION REALLY SEEK TO SOW DISCORD AMONG
THE AFRICANS.

5. CANADIAN AND ITALIAN DELS, IN THEIR INTERVENTIONS,
FOCUSSED ON THE DRAFTING OF A CONFERENCE DECLARATION THAT
WILL COMMAND UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE AND SUPPORT.

6. YUGOSLAVIA REP STATED THAT PRESENCE OF GREAT POWERS
IN AFRICA IS A THREAT TO PEACE. TO INSURE THE HOPES OF
AFRICANS, HE SAID THE CONFERENCE MUST CONDEMN ALL THOSE
WHO FLOUT UN RESES BY CONTINUING COOPERATION WITH RACIST
REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN
CRITICIZED RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SUPPORTED THE RIGHTS
OF PALESTINIANS. UKRANIAN DEL OFTEN POINTING OUT THAT THE
FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES OF AFRICA KNOW WHO THEIR REAL
FRIENDS ARE, (THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES), STATED
THAT NATO MEMBERS CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND MILITARY LIMBS OF SALISBURY AND PRETORIA.
TURNING TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, DEL RECALLED THAT
IN 1975 ZIONISM WAS DECLARED BY THE UNGA TO BE A FORM OF
RACISM AND IMPLIED ISRAELI POLICY TOWARD ARABS IS ONE OF
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GENOCIDE. SPEAKER CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY ATTACKING U.S.
STATING THAT AMERICAN BLACKS HAVE NO ACCESS TO SOME
PROFESSIONS, HAVE LOWER INCOMES AND EXTREMELY HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT. STILL MORE TRAGIC, HE DECLARED, IS THE
PLIGHT OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS, THE MOST DEPRIVED MINORITY
IN THE U.S. HE ALSO COVERED PROBLEMS OF MIGRANT WORKERS
IN U.S. (ASIAN, AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN) WHO ARE BEING
EXPLOITED. NEEDLESS TO ADD, THE SPEAKER NOTED THAT THINGS
ARE ROSY FOR THE MINORITIES WHO LIVE IN THE UKRAINE.
THERE HAS, ACCORDING TO THE SPEAKER, NEVER BEEN A SINGLE
CASE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN HIS COUNTRY.
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